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Washington, DC

Washington is an exciting place to visit, with seemingly innumerable sites to see. To the left is a list of popular tourist spots in Washington. Many of these sites have interesting connections to New Mexico, which I have highlighted on each page.

Whether you are planning a trip or just looking for information about our nation's capital, I hope you find these pages helpful.

We hope to see you in Washington.




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[Arlington National Cemetery](#)

Nearly 4 million visitors pay their respects to over 250,000 fallen service men entombed at Arlington each year. Arlington National Cemetery is also an active military cemetery, averaging 20 funerals each day.

Tour Information

The Arlington National Cemetery visitor center and parking facility are open during normal cemetery hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 1 through March 31, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from April 1 through September 30. Tours are self-guided, and cemetery and gravesite information may be obtained at the Visitor's Center. Arlington National Cemetery is located on the Blue Line of the Washington Metro System.

New Mexicans might want to see:

[Graves of Lt. General Arthur MacArthur and General John "Black Jack" Pershing](#)

Lt. General Arthur MacArthur commanded Ft. Selden, New Mexico for four years after serving valiantly in the Union Army during the Civil War (His son, Douglas MacArthur, a commanding General in WWII, was with him at the Fort). He would later become military governor of the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, and retire as Lieutenant General. Arthur MacArthur died in 1912, and is buried in Section 8, grave number 879.

General John "Black Jack" Pershing (pictured at right) was stationed at Ft. Stanton, New Mexico, and later served in the Spanish-American War. Pershing led troops in pursuit of Pancho Villa, who raided Columbus, NM in 1916. Gen. Pershing would go on to command in WW I. He died in 1948, and is buried in Section 34, grave number 1.

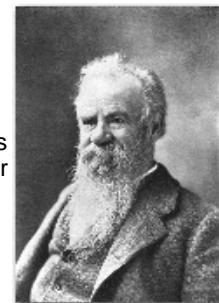
 [Listen to General Pershing "From the Battlefields of France" during World War I](#) (wav Format....372436 bytes... 33 seconds).



[Grave of John Wesley Powell](#)

Under the auspices of the United States Geological Survey, John Wesley Powell established the first official stream gaging station at Embudo, New Mexico, in December of 1888. Part of his Irrigation Survey, a large scale attempt to bring a systematic plan to irrigate the West, the Embudo Stream Gaging Station served as the nation's first field training center for hydrologists. Though the plan was never fully realized, the Embudo Stream Gaging Station is still in operation.

View the [current stream flow conditions](#) of Rio Grande at the Embudo Stream Gaging Station.



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Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) is the largest producer of security documents in the United States, producing over 9 billion Federal Reserve notes each year (coins are produced by the United States Mint).



Tour Information

The BEP is located at 14th and C Streets. Tours scheduled through my office start at 8:00 a.m. and last 40 minutes. Please call four to six weeks in advance to schedule a reserved tour through my office. One ticket is necessary for each group. Public tours run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on public and reserved tours please call the BEP at (202) 874-3188.

New Mexicans might want to know:

Two New Mexico natives have served as Treasurer of the United States:

- Francine Irving Neff under President Ford from June 21, 1974 until January 19, 1977;
- Katherine D. Ortega under President Reagan from September 22, 1983 until January 19, 1989 and under President Bush from January 22, 1989 until July 20, 1989.



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The U.S. Capitol is the best recognized symbol of democratic government in the world. Construction of the Capitol began in 1793 on the site chosen by Pierre L'Enfant.

Tour Information

Tickets reserved through my office can be made only for small groups (10 or fewer people). The reserved tour runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. each weekday. Reserved tours are limited; so please try to make reservations four to six weeks in advance. Public tours are given between 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. each weekday and are open to all. No tickets are required for the public tour. Additionally, a member of my staff may be able to provide a personal tour, highlighting items of interest to New Mexicans. Because the availability of this service depends on the availability of staff, please call ahead to see if we will be able to offer you a personal tour.



New Mexicans might want to see:

[Dennis Chavez Memorial Statue](#)

Outside the entrance to the Old Senate Chambers

Each state is allowed to display two statues of prominent citizens in the state's history in the halls of the Capitol. New Mexico has thus far sent only one: a statue commemorating The Honorable Dennis Chavez.

Dennis Chavez first represented New Mexico in the U.S. House of Representatives from March 4, 1932 until January 3, 1935. He was then appointed to finish the term of U.S. Senator Bronson M. Cutting and was subsequently reelected four times, serving in office until his death in Washington on November 18, 1962. Senator Chavez is often remembered for his work on civil rights issues. His statue is inscribed with this commemoration:

"DEJÓ ESTE SEÑOR UNA VEREDA TRAZADA QUE NUNCA SE OLVIDARA. LO HIZO CON LA ESPERANZA DE QUE OTRAS LA SIGAN"

This man left behind a path that would never be forgotten. He did this in the hopes that others would follow.

[Lew Wallace Statue](#)



In Statuary Hall

Though best known for having written the novel "Ben Hur," Lew Wallace served as governor of New Mexico 1878-1881. He wrote part of his famous novel while in office in Santa Fe.



Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Statues

Guarding the south passageway of the Great Rotunda are the statues of former Presidents Lincoln and Grant. Grant and Lincoln Counties in New Mexico are named for these two Presidents.



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Capitol Hill

French architect Pierre L'Enfant called Capitol Hill a "pedestal waiting for a monument." Capitol Hill -- formerly known as Jenkins Hill -- rises 88 feet above the nearby Potomac River, and was the spot chosen by L'Enfant for the new U.S. Capitol. Now, Capitol Hill (or just, the Hill) is the term used for the entire complex of buildings that house and serve Congress, as well as for the neighborhood of shops and homes within sight of the Capitol.



Click on map to enlarge.

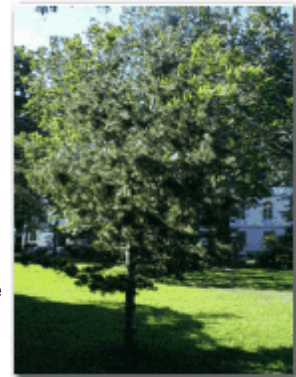
New Mexicans might want to see:

New Mexico State University Centennial Tree

small park north of the Russell Senate Office Building

To celebrate the centennial of the founding of New Mexico State University, NMSU representatives planted this southwestern white pine (*Pinus Strobfornis Engelm*) on the Senate grounds on May 12, 1998. The seed that sprouted the tree was taken from the Sacramento Mountains and grown at NMSU's Mora Research facility in Mora.

In a ceremony attended by the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and representatives from NMSU, former NMSU President Dr. James Halligan planted the tree along with John Mexal, Professor of Agronomy and Horticulture. The tree continues to thrive today.



New Mexico Congressional Delegation Offices

Senate

Jeff Bingaman
703 Hart Building
224-5521

Pete V. Domenici
328 Hart Building
224-6621

House Of Representatives

Heather Wilson (1st Congressional District)
226 Cannon Building
225-6316

Joe Skeen (2nd Congressional District)
2302 Rayburn Building
225-2365

Tom Udall (3rd Congressional District)
502 Cannon Building
225-6190

The New Mexico State Flag

New Mexicans visiting Capitol Hill should watch for our state flag. It pops up in some interesting places. As you walk from Union Station, the flag is located on Columbus Circle. Also, as you walk along (or ride through) the underground walkway, there is a New Mexico flag and state seal above the walkway.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

The J. Edgar Hoover Building currently houses the national headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Tour Information

Nearly 500,000 people tour the building each year. The one hour tour includes information about the F.B.I., the investigation process, and a firearms display. Reserved tours are available through our office, but are limited. We recommend calling four to six weeks in advance to try to schedule a reserved tour. Public tours run every 20 minutes from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no weekend tours.

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Holocaust Museum

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is a living memorial to the millions of people killed in Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

Tour Information

Unfortunately, my office cannot reserve tours for the Holocaust Museum. Beginning at 10 a.m., free passes are distributed at the Pass Desk (14th St. entrance). First come, first served; I suggest that you arrive early. Passes are only required for the Permanent Exhibition. You can also reserve passes through TicketMaster, for a service charge.



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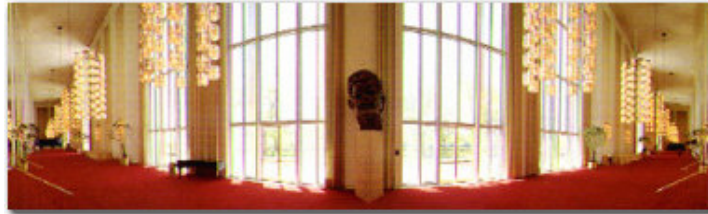
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Kennedy Center

After President John Kennedy's assassination in 1963, the Kennedy Center was dedicated to his honor. Created by the National Cultural Act of 1958, the Center was completed in 1971 and today is one of the country's most active and popular cultural centers.

Tour Information

Free tours of the Kennedy Center are given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. They depart from the parking plaza on Level A and feature the Hall of States and Hall of Nations, the Center's main theaters, and dozens of paintings, sculptures, and other artworks given to the Center by foreign countries. For more information, call (202) 416-8340 (TTY 416-8524).

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New Mexicans might want to see:

The Hall of States

One of the many things to visit in the Kennedy Center is the Hall of States. State flags from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories hang in the Hall. The flags are presented in the order the state joined the Union. Admitted in 1912, New Mexico was the 47th state.



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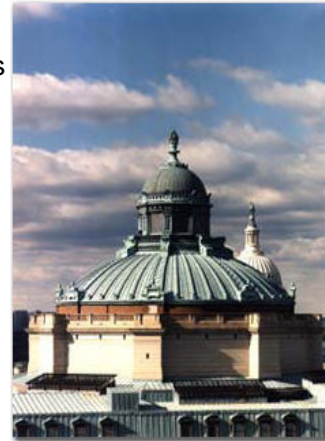
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Library of Congress

Founded by Thomas Jefferson almost 200 years ago, the Library of Congress is the largest collection of knowledge in the world. Today, it serves as a resource for thousands of Americans every day.

Tour Information

Guided tours are offered at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00, 2:30, and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Spanish-language tours are given on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Tours are limited to 50 people. For more information on guided tour ask at either of the information desks in the Visitors' Center of the Jefferson Building. Call the Visitor Services Office at (202) 707-4684 to inquire about schedule tours for groups of 10 or more.



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The National Arboretum

The Arboretum's beautiful 446-acre campus contains an array of display gardens, collections, and historical monuments set among native stands of eastern deciduous trees.



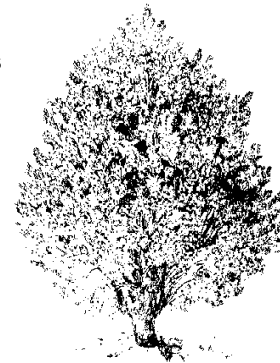
Tour Information

Arboretum grounds are open every day of the year except December 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Administration Building is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on weekends 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On summer weekends, tram tours are available.

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New Mexicans might want to see: National Grove of State Trees

Trees representing every state are exhibited in this living monument to America's forests. The New Mexico state tree is the piñon (*Pinus edulis*), and can be found in this newly constructed site. The monument was developed in collaboration with State Forestry offices.



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National Archives

The National Archives contain the most important documents in the United States, from the Constitution and Bill of Rights to the receipt for Alaska and President Richard Nixon's letter of resignation.



Tour Information

The National Archives' exhibition hall is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the summer months. During the winter months (Labor day to March 31) the Hall closes at 5:30 p.m. Tours may be scheduled directly through the National Archives' Volunteer and Tour office at (202) 501-5205. Tours are given at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

New Mexicans might want to see:

Bataan Death March Exhibit

In the dark days of World War II, Americans were forced to surrender the Philippines at Corregidor. Caught in this epic battle were New Mexicans from the 200th Coast Artillery. They valiantly sacrificed their freedom in a time when the fate of the world hung in the balance.



On display at the National Archives is a photo taken of the prisoners during their march. Also included is a letter from General Wainwright to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, informing him that he was forced to surrender the Philippines to the Japanese Empire.

Documents Concerning New Mexico

If you have some time, you can request documents related to New Mexico at the National Archives. The Archives house numerous historical documents. As examples, see the following pages:

- A [Letter from Atomic Energy Commission](#) Acting Chairman Lewis L. Strauss on the proposed governmental organization for the city of Los Alamos, February 21, 1949.
- A [Report of Colonel Gabriel Paul](#) concerning engagements with Confederate forces near Forts Craig and Union, May 1, 1862



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National Museum of Women in the Arts

The National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) is the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to recognizing the contributions of women artists.

Tour Information

NMWA is located at the corner of New York Ave. and 13th St., two blocks north of the Metro Center subway stop. Hours for the Museum are: Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; on Sunday from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is free



New Mexicans might want to see:

Georgia O'Keefe Paintings

As a part of the permanent collection, the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) displays two works by New Mexico artist Georgia O'Keefe: *Pear on a Plate*, displayed on the third floor and *Maple Tree*, in the Floor Gallery. Ms. O'Keefe produced much of her life's work in Abiquiu, New Mexico, being inspired by both the landscape and the flora. Much of her life's work can be viewed at the [Georgia O'Keefe Museum](#) in Santa Fe.

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Old Executive Office Building

The nerve center of the Executive Branch, the Old Executive Office Building houses some of the most important functions of the U.S. Government, as well as some of the best architecture.

Tour Information

Tours are given by reservation only and can be arranged through my office or by calling (202) 395-5895. Tours are given Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., departing every 20 minutes. You will be asked to provide your date of birth, your social security security number, country of origin and a photo ID.



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The Pentagon houses the Department of Defense, and is one of the largest office buildings in the world.

Tour Information

Walk-in tours begin at 9 a.m. and are conducted once an hour on the hour. The last tour begins at 3 p.m. All walk-in tours are open to the public on a first come, first served basis, and always begin and end at the Metro entrance. Walk-in tour length is approximately 90 minutes, is about one mile long, and includes several staircases. A photo ID is necessary to enter the building.

**New Mexicans might want to see:**[The Navajo Code Talkers Exhibit](#)

Navajo code talkers became an integral part of the United States World War II efforts after the bombing of Pearl Harbor made apparent the lack of effective encryption methods used by the armed forces. Despite attempts by the US to create an unbreakable code, Japanese intelligence intercepted and deciphered military communications.



In 1942, Navajo tribe members began serving as United States Marine Corps secure Radio Operators, who became known as the Navajo Code Talkers. By 1945, about 500 Navajo tribe members served as US Marines, more than 400 of those as code talkers.

Due to the effectiveness of this secret military code, their contribution to the US war effort remained classified until 1968. Obscured by twin veils of history and time, the code talkers went largely unrecognized until relatively recently. On September 17, 1992, an exhibit was dedicated to the Navajo code talkers at the Pentagon. The exhibit includes a display of photographs, equipment and the original code, along with an explanation of how the code worked.

The Navajo code talker exhibit is a regular stop on the Pentagon tour.

On April 12, 2000, Senator Bingaman introduced legislation, "Honoring the Navajo Code Talkers Act," which would award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of the 29 original code talkers and the Congressional Silver Medal to each subsequent code talkers. The President signed the Act into law on December 21, 2000.



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Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution was established in 1846 with funds bequeathed to the United States by James Smithson.

The Smithsonian is composed of sixteen museums and galleries and the National Zoo and numerous research facilities in the United States and abroad. Nine Smithsonian museums are located on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Capitol. Five other museums and the Zoo are elsewhere in Washington, D.C.

Please see the pages below for information about New Mexico and these three Smithsonian Institutions:

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Established as the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1789, the Department of State is the principle agency in charge of foreign and diplomatic relations. Thomas Jefferson served as the first Secretary of State, as appointed in September of 1789.



Tour Information

Tours of the Diplomatic Reception rooms are given by appointment only at 9:30, 10:30 and 2:45, Monday through Friday. The State Department does not recommend the tour for children under 13, because the tour is focused on fine art. Reservations for tours may be requested by calling: (202)-647-3241 [voice mail] or (202) 736-4474 [TDD-Telecommunication Device for the Deaf] .



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Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is the third check in the balance of power. The Court, in many cases, interprets the Constitution and may declare laws passed and authorized by the Legislative and Executive branches unconstitutional.



Tour Information

The Supreme Court is located at First and East Capitol Streets, NE. Public tours being each weekday at 2:00 p.m. promptly. No tickets are necessary. Decisions on court cases are given every Monday.



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Vietnam Women's Memorial

An estimated 11,500 women served our country in Vietnam, ninety percent of whom served in the health care professions, nursing and tending to the casualties of war.

The difficult and heartrending nature of their role in Vietnam is the focus of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. The bronze statue depicts three women, one of whom is tending to a wounded soldier. Planted around the statue's plaza are eight trees to commemorate each of the women who died in Vietnam



The Memorial was dedicated in 1993, as part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall.



New Mexicans might want to know:

Sculptor **Glenna Goodacre** of Santa Fe, New Mexico, designed the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Her work is featured in private and public collections, from gallery showings in Santa Fe to the upcoming *Irish Famine Memorial* in Philadelphia. Her *Park Place* sculpture (pictured at right) is located at [The Albuquerque Museum](#).



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The Voice of America (VOA) is a U.S. Government Radio Network which broadcasts in over 44 languages around the world.

Tour Information

The VOA is located at 330 Independence Avenue, SW. Tours are given at 8:40, 9:40, 10:40, 1:40 and 2:40 each weekday. Reservations are advised for groups, and can be made through my office or by calling (202) 619-4700.



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The Washington Monument is one of the most recognized monuments in the U.S. Rising more than 555 feet above the mall on which it sits, the monument is a memorial to George Washington's achievements and devotion to principal and country.

Tour Information

The Monument is located on the Mall at 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Tours are self-guided, and free tickets can be obtained at the kiosk located at the bottom of the hill from the monument on 15th Street. Tickets are not required for the interpretive center. The Monument is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Winter and Fall, and from 8:00 a.m. to midnight, Spring and Summer. Please visit the above link or call (202) 426-6841 for more information.



New Mexicans might want to know:

Looking at the Washington Monument may inspire images of flags and fireworks, but probably not the hillsides of southern New Mexico. Yet, remarkably, a chip from the Washington Monument was once buried in a hillside near Doña Ana, north of Las Cruces.

In 1850, members of the U.S. Mexico Boundary Commission, including John Russell Bartlett for the United States and General Pedro Garcia Conde of Mexico, met near Doña Ana to officially recognize the selection of the Commission's initial survey point. From this initial point, surveyors would plot the boundary line between Mexico and the United States. As part of the ceremony, someone produced a chip from the Washington Monument, then only three years old, and included it the cairn containing the survey point agreement.

The boundary was later moved south after the Gadsen Purchase.

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White House

The White House is the most visited residence in the world. Many times a week, President Clinton and the First Lady open their home to the American people.

Tour Information

The White House gives each Senator and Representative a limited amount of tickets to give out each week. We are happy to attempt to fill your request for these tickets, but due to the finite number, we must fill requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Please request tickets from my office at least six weeks in advance. Only four tickets are available per request. Children ages 7 and under do not need a separate ticket. When requesting tickets for the White House, please list all dates you will be available. White House tours are given on Tuesday through Saturday mornings. The White House maintains a 24 hour information phone line at (202) 456-7041.



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When it opened in January 1964, The National Museum of American History was named the Museum of History and Technology. In 1980, the name was changed to better represent the Museum's mission: the preservation and study of objects reflecting the American experience.

Tour Information

The Museum is located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. Tours are given daily of a variety of exhibitions. Tour times and general information is available at the information desk.



New Mexicans might want to see:

[American Encounters](#)

On permanent display at the Museum of American History, the *American Encounters* exhibit explores the 450-year relationship between Native Americans, Hispanics and European cultures in New Mexico. The exhibit is divided into eight sections: "New Mexico: An American Encounter"; "Khap'o: Santa Clara Pueblo"; "Pueblo Resistance and Self-determination"; "Christianization: Faith and Defiance"; "A Hispanic Community: Chimayó"; "Hispanic Resistance and Self-determination"; "Tourism: Buying and Selling Culture"; and "The Dynamics of the Encounter".



The exhibit is located directly behind the "Star Spangled Banner" exhibit.



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The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum is dedicated to the documentation and preservation of the history of flight and space travel and exploration. The museum houses a large collection of historic aircraft and space vehicles as well as many interactive learning exhibitions.

Tour Information

The Museum is located on the National Mall at 7th and Independence Ave., just west of the Capitol building. The closest Metro stations are L'Enfant Plaza and Smithsonian.

For more information on all tour descriptions and special tours, programs, science demonstrations, or to make reservations, call the Tours and Reservations Office at (202) 357-1400.

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New Mexicans might want to see:

[Spirit of St. Louis](#)

You probably know that Charles Lindbergh flew this famous plane across the Atlantic. But did you know he also flew it into Lordsburg and Santa Fe, New Mexico?



During a tour sponsored by the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aviation, Charles Lindbergh landed at the Lordsburg Airport on Saturday, September 24, 1927. The next day (September 25) he landed in Santa Fe. The famous aviator covered 22,350 miles, 82 cities and spent at least one night in each of the then-48 states.

[Goddard Rocket](#)

In 1917, Dr. Robert Goddard received a grant from the Smithsonian Institution to continue work he had proposed in his report, "A Method for Gaining Extreme Altitudes."

Goddard arrived in Roswell in 1930 and began to work on a plateau outside of town. Over a period of 12 years, with only a short two-year hiatus, Goddard conducted fifty-six test flights, designing rockets that reached heights of 1.5 miles and traveled 550 miles per hour. The work of the Roswell physicist became instrumental later in space travel efforts.



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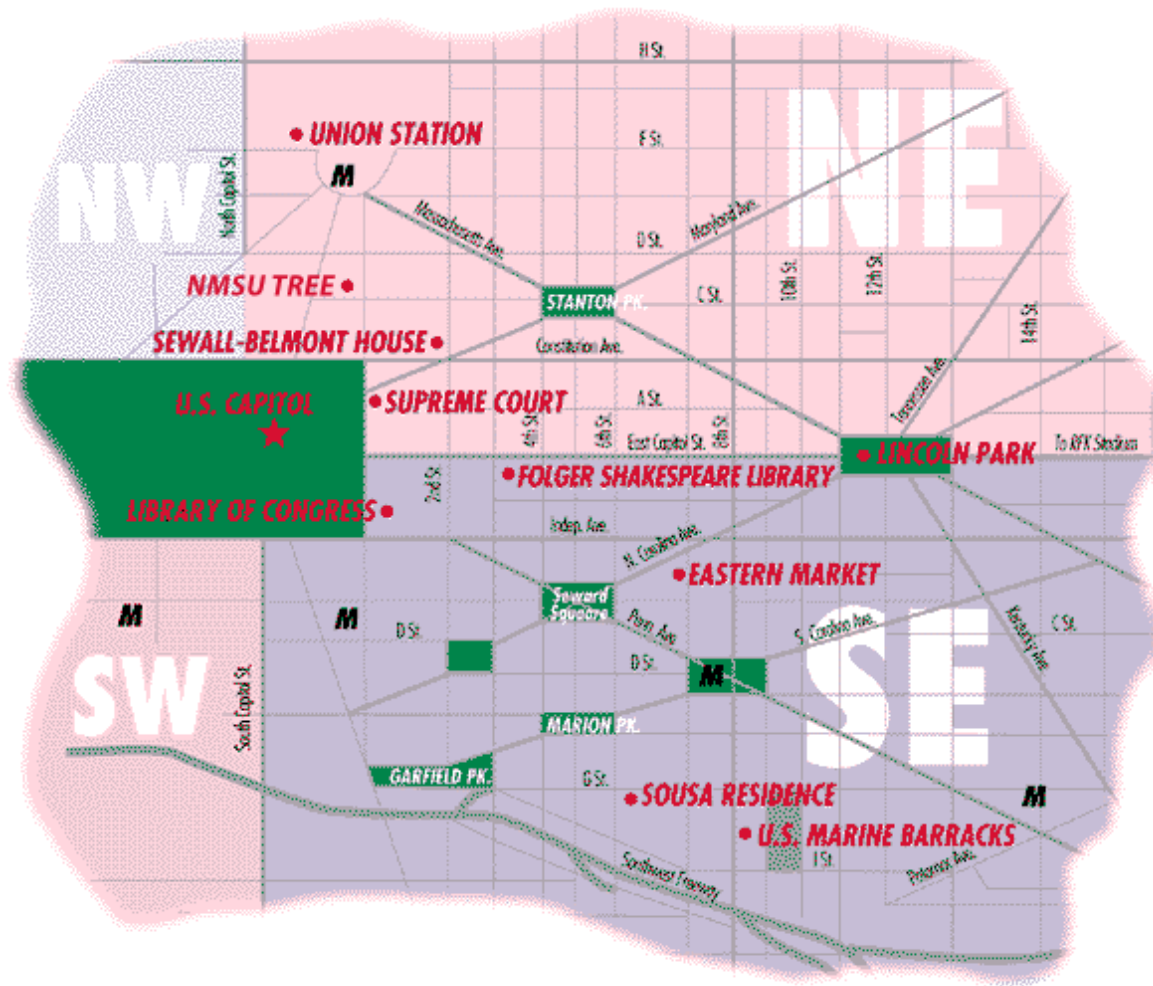
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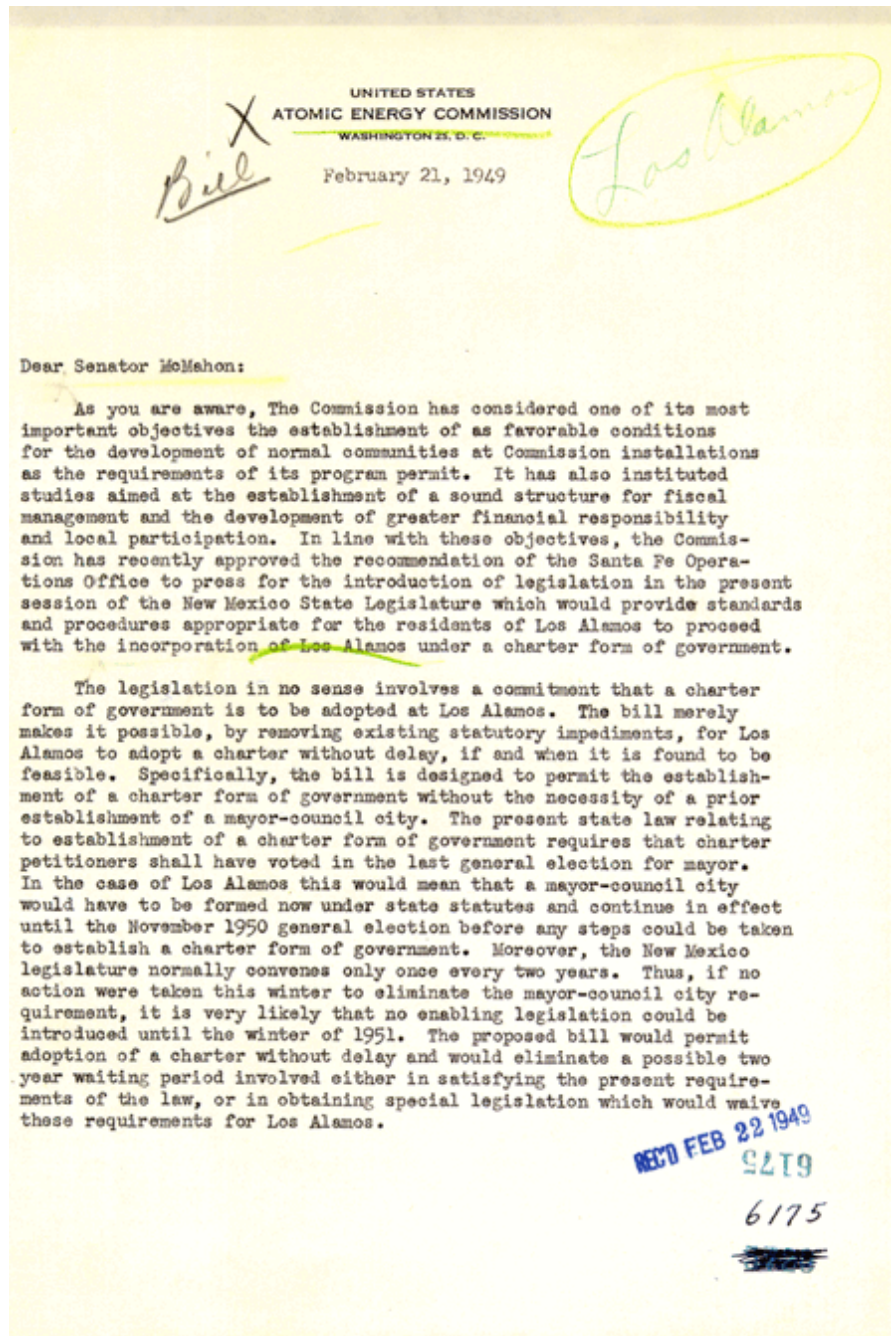
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Honorable Brien McMahon

This legislation is proposed with full recognition that the detailed studies of the feasibility of a charter government presently under way may indicate that no form of incorporation at Los Alamos is possible. It is felt, however, that it is important to take steps now which would permit the expeditious formation of a charter government if proved feasible. This bill is responsive to the high degree of citizen interest and participation at Los Alamos. Commission approval of the proposed enabling legislation may also act as an incentive to Los Alamos residents to determine and accept the greater financial responsibility which would be needed for incorporation.

The management at Los Alamos has been discussing technical and procedural provisions of the bill with the New Mexico Attorney General and according to the Santa Fe Operations Office, the proposed legislation is not considered to be controversial, and no enactment difficulties are expected.

Your committee shall be kept informed currently of the developments in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Lewis L. Strauss

Lewis L. Strauss
Acting Chairman

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Honorable Brien McMahon
Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
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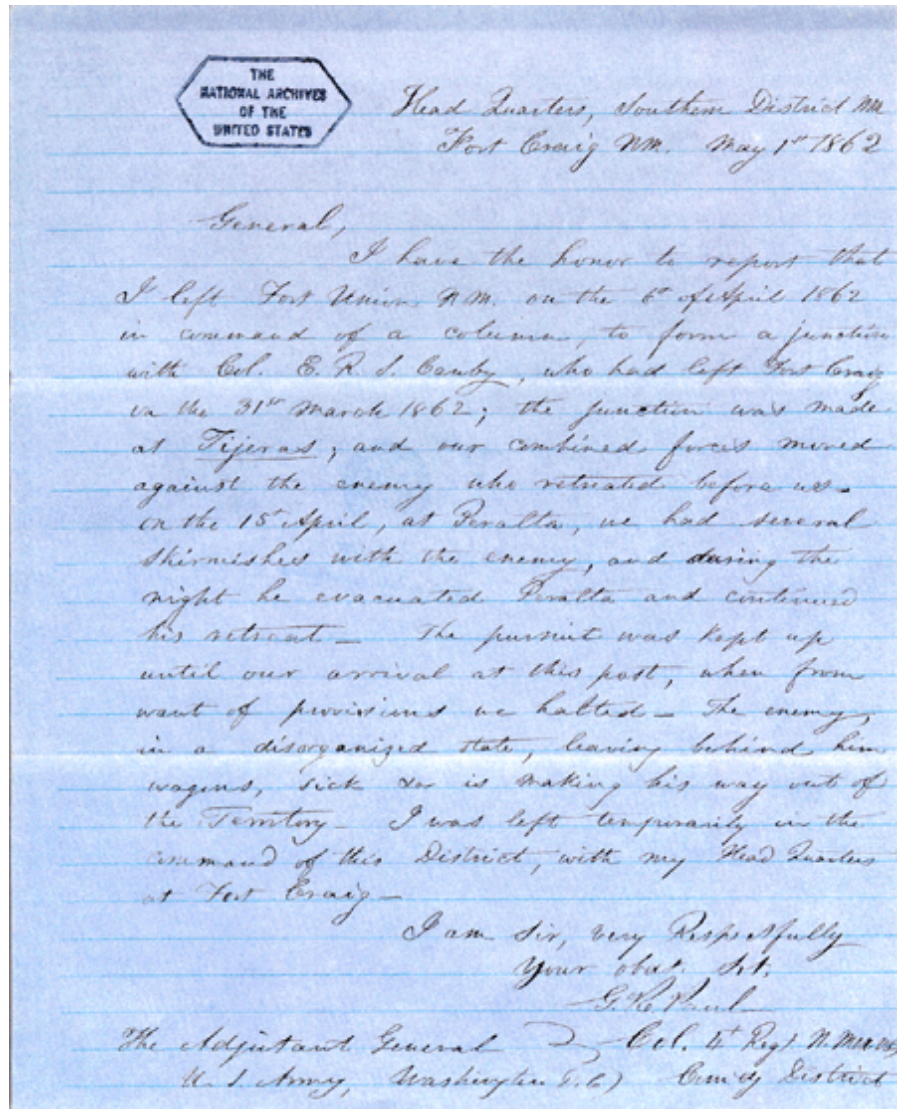
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The Zoo was created in 1889 "for the advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people."

Tour Information

Weather permitting, the Zoo is open every day except December 25. From May 1 to September 15 the Zoo buildings are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; the grounds from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. From September 16 to April 30, the Zoo buildings are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the grounds from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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New Mexicans might want to know:

The National Zoo housed the Smokey Bear exhibit from 1950 to 1975. The real Smokey Bear, who became the living symbol of fire prevention, was only a cub when rescued from a forest fire in the Capitan Gap of the Lincoln National Forest near Capitan, New Mexico. Officials flew the orphaned black bear cub to the National Zoo, where he quickly became one of the most popular exhibits. Smokey received so much fan mail from around the world that the US Postal Service gave him his own zip code: 20252.



In 1962, Zoo officials brought a female black bear from New Mexico, nicknamed Goldie, as a mate for Smokey. However, the two never reproduced, and the Zoo introduced a black bear cub as the couple's adopted son. "Little Smokey", as the cub became known, was also an orphan found wandering in Lincoln National Forest.

Smokey retired in 1975, and died soon after, in 1976. He was survived by Little Smokey (pictured at right), who died in 1990. Currently, there is no Smokey Bear exhibit at the Zoo.

Blue Grama -- The State Grass

The state grass of New Mexico is Blue Grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), and the National Zoo has a sample of it in the *American Prairie* exhibit.



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